



**Purchasing Contract
CITY OF AUSTIN
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION**

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SUBJECT: Authorize execution of a contract with CAPITOL BEARING SERVICE, INC., Austin, TX, for the purchase of one trailer-mounted integrated hose reel pump system in an amount not to exceed \$137,902.64.

AMOUNT & SOURCE OF FUNDING: Funding is available in the Fiscal Year 2004-2005 Approved Operating Budget of the Austin Water Utility.

FISCAL NOTE: There is no unanticipated fiscal impact. A fiscal note is not required.

REQUESTING Purchasing
DEPARTMENT: for Austin Water Utility;

DIRECTOR'S
AUTHORIZATION: Vickie Schubert

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT: Rick Fudge, Deputy Purchasing Officer/974-2033

PRIOR COUNCIL ACTION: N/A

BOARD AND COMMISSION ACTION: N/A

PURCHASING: Sole Source.

MBE / WBE: This contract will be awarded in compliance with Chapter 2-9 of the City Code (Minority-Owned and Women-Owned Business Enterprise Procurement Program). No subcontracting opportunities were identified; therefore, no goals were established for this solicitation.

This contract is for the purchase of one trailer-mounted hose reel pump system manufactured by Portable Pipeline Systems, Santa Maria, California. In an effort to fully comply with the requirements of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency mandated Administrative Order by the September, 2007 deadline, the Austin Clean Water Program was initiated by the Austin Water Utility (AWU) in January, 2002. This equipment will be assigned to the Collection System Services Division of AWU which has the primary responsibility of responding to emergency sanitary sewer overflows and sewer main blockages within the AWU's wastewater collection system service area.

This pump system will be used to reduce the quantity of wastewater escaping from pipelines during an emergency repair by enabling crews to tow this equipment with a service truck to the location of the sewer line blockage or line repair and bypass the damaged sewer line to a downstream manhole. Sewage will be pumped around the repair area until the work is completed. Rapid deployment of pumping equipment is critical to reduce the volume of wastewater discharged and to facilitate expeditious repair of the pipeline. This high capacity, trailer-mounted system has been specifically designed to protect the environment by quickly rerouting sewer lines and sewer mains during emergency situations.

This additional equipment has been designated as a sole source procurement because Portable Pipeline Systems is currently the only manufacturer of a system of this type. This integrated system can be towed by one vehicle, and provides the rapid response required to protect the environment and the citizens of Austin from the dangers associated with uncontrolled discharge of raw sewage.